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QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L ISLAMABAD 2642

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LEASE OF USG VESSEL TO GOP

1. ADDITIONAL FONSEC SHAIKH REQUESTED CHARGE TO CALL
ON HIM APRIL 2 AND HANDED HIM LETTER AS FOLLOWS:
QTE DEAR CHARGE D' AFFAIRES,
I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES
DATED 15 TH JANUARY, 1963, 16 TH JANUARY, 1963 AND 7 TH
MARCH, 1968 BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN CONCERNING THE LOAN OF
THE VESSEL QTE USMS MISSION SANTA CLARA UNQUOTE, T- AO-132
BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF PAKISTAN.

QTE THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN WOULD APPRECIATE IF
THE PERIOD OF THE LOAN OF THE VESSEL IS EXTENDED FOR
ANOTHER FIVE YEARS WITH EFFECT FROM 16 TH JANUARY, 1973.

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QTE IF THIS REQUEST IS ACCEPTABLE TO YOUR GOVERNMENT,
I HAVE THE HONOR TO PROPOSE THAT THIS NOTE, TOGETHER
WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT' S REPLY CONCEURRING THERIN, WOULD
CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS.

QTE PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. CHARGE D' AFFAIRES, THE ASSURANCES
OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

(S) ALTAF A. SHIKH UNQTE

2. WHAIKH SAID GOP UNDERSTOOD THAT VALUE OF TANKER
IN QUESTION WAS MARGINAL TO USG, AND THAT IT MIGHT BE
SCRAPPED IF RETURNED TO USG. HE SAID HE WISHED TO
POINT OUT THAT, ON OTHER HAND, THIS WAS THE ONLY
LOGISTIC SUPPORT VESSEL AVAILABLE TO PAK NAVY AND ITS
VALRESSIONAL CONSENT. CSM REPORTS ROGERS' OPTIMISM
BASED UPON GVN- DRV POL TALKS, LOW COMBAT LEVELS AND
CIVILIAN PRISONER EXCHANGES. NYDN' S CARTER STRESSES
ROGERS' ADMISSION THAT CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY FOR
CAMBODIA BOMBING NOT CLEAR- CUT BUT EXISTS, NEVERTHELESS.
WP' S MARDER NOTES SECRETARY' S REFERENCE TO FACT THAT JEC
TALKS BROKEN OFF AND HIS STATEMENT THAT " IT MAY BE THAT

WE WON' T HAVE TO ASK FOR IT (NVN AID) AT ALL." SUN' S
KEAT REPORTS ROGERS' ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT SITUATION
HAS ELEMENTS OF CIVIL WAR BUT KHMER DISSIDENTS ARE ARMED
AND SUPPLIED BY HANOI WHICH STILL MAINTAINS SUBSTANTIAL
FORCES IN CAMBODIA. CHITRIB REPORTS SECRETARY TELLS
SENATORS US " WILL NOT REINTRODUCE GROUND TROOPS" INTO
SVN.

2. LON NON TO TAKE " ENFORCED FOREIGN VISIT," INFORMED
CAMBODIAN SOURCES TELL REUTERS (CSM), AS PART OF NEW
COALITION DEALS. NYT' S SCHANBERG REPORTS LON NON
AT AIRPORT DENIES US PRESSURE HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH
TRIP AND SAYS HE PLANS RETURN IN THREE MONTHS. GENERAL
SAYS HE WILL BRING " FRESH INFORMATION" ABOUT KHMER
CONDITIONS TO " MY FRIENDS IN FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES."
SCHANBERG SAYS ENDERS' PRESENCE AT LON NON AIRPORT DE-
PARTURE APPARENTLY DESIGNED SOFTEN NOTION THAT AMERICANS
HAD RAILROAD HIM OUT OF COUNTRY. ACCORDING SCHANBERG,
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PP DIPLOMATIC SOURCES BELIEVE LON NON' S DEPARTURE MAY
HAVE BEEN PART OF PRICE LON NOL HAD TO PAY TO CONTINUE
TO RECEIVE US AID.

3. WP REPORTS FANK BROADENS AREA OF MILITARY CONTROL
AROUND TAKEO AND PP IN WAKE OF US BOMBING RAIDS. TAKEO
SAID TO BE HOLDING UP WELL. POST ALSO REPORTS SWEEPING
POWERS ANNOUNCED FOR NEW FOUR- MAN SUPREME COUNCIL AND
POLITICIANS MEETING WITH COUNCIL TO DECIDE CHOICE OF
NEW PRIME MINISTER. UPI REPORTS (CHITRIB) FANK POSITION
ON MEKONG EAST BANK OPPOSITE PP IMPROVED, BUT US PP
OFFICIALS FEAR COMMUNISTS MAY LAUNCH TERROR CAMPAIGN

FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT ON REFUGEE- SWOLLEN CITY.

4. NYT REPORTS THAT WHILE HAK' S PRIMARY MISSION IN MOSCOW WILL BE TO DISCUSS BREZHNEV' S US VISIT, VN WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED. WH OFFICIAL SAYS HAK WILL DISCUSS US IRRITATION OVER COMMUNIST C- F VIOLATIONS IN SVN AND CAMBODIA. HAK DUE DEPART THURSDAY BUT WILL HAVE CHANCE CONSULT WITH SULLIVAN WHO RETURNS FROM PARIS THACH TALKS TUESDAY. CSM REPORTS ONE MAIN PURPOSE OF HAK' S MOSCOW TRIP WILL BE TO ENLIST SOVIET SUPPORT IN BRINGING ABOUT DRV COMPLIANCE WITH C- F. IN PARIS, ACCORDING NYTSULLIVAN SAYS " EACH SIDE PRESENTED ITS VIEWS ND WE HAVE ACHIEVED WHAT WE CAME TO DO." THACH SAYS " IF THE UNITED STATES SHOWS GOOD WILL, SOLUTIONS CAN BE FOUND FOR ALL THE DIFFICULTIES, " BUT WARNS THAT INTERRUPTIONS IN MINE- CLEARING AND JEC TALKS " CAN ONLY PREJUDICE OUR WORK." IN PARIS, NYT ALSO REPORTS PRG DENIES LAM' S ASSERTION THAT SECRET POL TALKS ARE BEING HELD.

5. ICCS BLOCKS PRISONER EXCHANGE AT LOC NINH IN REFUSAL TO FLY OBSERVERS TO WITNESS EXCHANGE DUE TO WHAT IT CONSIDERED TO BE INADEQUATE SECURITY SAFEGUARDS FOR FLIGHT. VC SPOKESMAN SAYS IT TOO LATE TO WIDEN AIR CORRIDOR FROM BIEN HOA TO RELEASE SITE, BUT OFFERS " ABSOLUTE" GUARANTEE OF OBSERVERS' AIR SAFETY (NYT). CANADIAN ICCS DEL SAYS IT BELIEVES DOWNED CHOPPERS WERE ON COURSE ON APRIL 7 AND WRECKAGE WAS NOT MOVED. CHIEF INDONESIAN ICCS DEL CRITICIZES MEAGER ACHIEVEMENTS
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OF ICCS DURING HIS TENURE AS CHAIRMAN, SAYING ICCS HAD AGREED TO INVESTIGATE 30 INCIDENTS BUT HADN' T REACHED SINGLE DECISION (NYT).

6. NEWSWEEK' S MOREAU AND TWO FRENCH JOURNALISTS RE- LEASED FROM GVN CUSTODY FOLLOWING THEIR 11- DAY STAY IN COMMUNIST- CONTROLLED TERRITORY, BUT THEIR NOTES AND FILM IMPOUNDED AND THEY INSTRUCTED TO REPORT TO COMMISSIONER GENERAL OF STATE FOR INFORMATION. NEWSWEEK SAIGON BUREAU CHIEF JENKINS SAYS HE WILL ASK US EMBASSY TO DEMAND FILM AND NOTES BE RETURNED (NYT, WP).

7. SUN' S POTTER IN PARIS REPORTS THACH CALLS US MINE CLEARING OPS " FARCE." ACCORDING POTTER, THACH AND SULLIVAN HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER WELL SINCE 1962 GENEVA CONFERENCE ON LAOS (SUN).

8. CHITRIB AND NYT PUBLISH BANGKOK REPORT OF THANAT KHOMAN' S ARTICLE IN THAI- LANGUAGE SOCIAL SCIENCE REVIEW. THANAT CONDEMNS CONTINUED PRESENCE OF US

FORCES IN THAILAND, SAYING IT WAS NEVER INTENDED THAT THEY REMAIN AFTER VN CEASE- FIRE AND US BASES HAD DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS ON SOCIETY. CLAIMS THAILAND RELUCTANTLY AGREED TO KENNEDY' S REQUEST TO PUT US MARINES IN THAILAND DURING 1962 LAOS CRISIS ON UNDER- STANDING IT BE MADE CLEAR THIS WAS US REQUEST. BUT WH ISSUED STATEMENT SAYING THAILAND HAD REQUESTED TROOPS. THANAT ALSO ASSERTS SHIFT OF STRATEGIC EQUIP- MENT AND WEAPONS INTO THAILAND FOLLOWING CEASE- FIRE MAKES THAILAND OBVIOUS COMMUNIST TARGET.

9. STAN KARNOW, NOW CONTRIBUTING EDITOR NEW REPUBLIC (APRIL 28), SAYS THRUSTS INTO CAMBODIA BY GVN AND THAI TROOPS, WHO FUNCTION WITH US FUNDS AND EQUIPMENT DESPITE LAWS BARRING THEIR USE IN SUCH CASES, PLUS US BOMBINGS, SUGGEST " PEACE WITH HONOR" SEEMS TO BE NEW VARIATION OF PAX AMERICANA. CONSIDERS HANOI' S MILITARY BUILD- UP IN SVN AS " DESPERATELY STRIVING" MATCH ENORMOUS ARSENAL NIXON GAVE THIEU DURING TWO MONTHS BEFORE SIGNING OF PARIS AGREEMENT. THINKS IT ONE OF CURIOUS IRONIES OF CAMBODIAN SITUATION THAT
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